

Meigs County

County seat: Decatur

Health Indicators

	SOC* 1996	SOC* 1992	% CHANGE
Percent of total population enrolled in TennCare**	34.1%	32.0%	6.6%
Percent of births lacking adequate prenatal care	30.8%	37.3%	-17.4%
Percent of low-birth-weight babies born	4.2%	6.5%	-35.4%
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	0.0	9.3	***
Child death rate per 100,000 children ages 1-14	0.0	64.6	***
Teen violent death rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-19	341.9	0.0	***
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 females ages 15-17	55.6	59.2	-6.1%
Sexually transmitted disease rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-17	1136.4	464.4	144.7%

Social Indicators

Percent of students receiving special education	25.1%	25.2%	-0.4%
Percent of high school (grades 9-12) dropouts	3.4%	7.7%	-55.8%
Indicated child abuse & neglect rate per 1,000	43.8	9.0	386.7%
Percent of children under 18 referred to juvenile court	2.8%	0.6%	366.7%
Rate of children in state care per 1,000	10.3	6.5	58.5%

Economic Indicators

Per capita income by county	\$13,149	\$11,712	12.3%
Percent of children under 18 who received AFDC	14.4%	13.2%	9.1%
Percent of population receiving food stamps	16.6%	18.6%	-10.8%
Percent of children participating in the National School Lunch Program	43.9%	40.6%	8.1%

* Acronym for The State of the Child in Tennessee for 1992 and current report, 1996.

** TennCare data is from 1994, the earliest year available

*** Small number of observations make the percent of change over time inadvisable.